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First Annual
Centennial Strategy for

Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

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CENTENNIAL INITIATIVE



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Vision Statement

Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument was established by Presidential Proclamation in 1937 to preserve approximately 330,689 acres of Sonoran Desert for the public interest. In 1978, 312,600 acres of the monument was designated as wilderness by Congress.

The purpose of Organ Pipe Cactus NM is to manage the monument in accordance with the National Park Service Organic Act and to:

- ¿ Perpetuate for future generations a representative sample of the natural and cultural resources of the Sonoran Desert and provide for public understanding, safe use, and enjoyment of the same.
- ¿ Serve as a natural laboratory for understanding and managing the Sonoran Desert ecosystem.
- ¿ Serve as a baseline indicator against which environmental changes can be identified.
- ¿ Preserve for future use and enjoyment the character and values of the designated wilderness.
- ¿ Preserve objects of historic and scientific interest including Historic Landmarks.
- ¿ Prohibit the taking injuring, or destroying of any park feature and establishment of homesteads.
- ¿ Allow for the cactus fruit harvest by O'odham nation.
- ¿ Provide for a public water reserve at Quitobaquito.
- ¿ Manage a 60-ft right of way along the international boundary.

Park/ Superintendent/ Program Manager

Lee Baiza, Superintendent

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STEWARDSHIP

☒ **Improve the condition of park resources and assets.**

☒ **Improve high-priority assets to acceptable condition, as measured by the Facility Condition Index.**

Maintain facilities at the best possible level by:

- o Prioritizing what needs to be maintained through use of FMSS
- o Fully integrating FMSS into park operations
- o Prioritizing project proposals/workload from baseline FCI values
- o Building the FMSS databases and maintaining FMSS expertise
- o Developing a preventive maintenance schedule
- o Establishing a system to process other divisional priorities/work requests

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PROFESSIONALISM

☒ **Promote a safety and health culture for all employees and visitors.**

☒ **Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)**

Short and long term concerns for visitor and employee safety may include the closing of park areas with high levels of smuggling/illegal activity. Ongoing and consistent information on safety issues will be provided on park issues. Employees will be provided training in safety awareness.

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